

ACHS SUMMARY FORM

M-12-7
(date-5-4-80)

1. Name: Frederick Jones House
2. Planning Area/Site Number: 12/7 3. M-NCPPC Atlas Reference: Map 6
A-4
4. Address: Route 109
Comus, Md.
5. Classification Summary
- | | | | |
|--------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|---|
| Category | <u>building</u> | Previous Survey Recording | <u>M-NCPPC</u> |
| Ownership | <u>private</u> | Title and Date: | <u>1976 Inventory of</u>
<u>Historical Sites</u> |
| Public Acquisition | <u>N/A</u> | | |
| Status | <u>occupied</u> | | |
| Accessible | <u>no</u> | Federal | <u>State</u> <u>x</u> <u>County</u> <u>x</u> <u>Local</u> |
| Present use | <u>private residence</u> | | |
6. Date: c. 1845 7. Original Owner: Mary Hodges
8. Apparent Condition
- a. good b. altered c. original site
9. Description: The house is a two story, frame house with a three bay main (south) facade. The west end has a rebuilt chimney; the east end has an internal chimney. The foundation is stone. Across the facade is a one story porch with bracketed posts. The door has arched panels with heavy Italianate mouldings.
- A log corn crib stands west of the house. It rests on log piling driven into the ground. The log walls have inverted V-notches. Log rafters have a vertical joint at the ridge and are birdmouthed over the top log.
10. Significance: This is a modest farm typical of those established in the mid-19th century in the northwestern county.
- In 1844 Mary Hodges inherited 150 acres of her father's estate and built this house. She also inherited servants, livestock and furniture from her well-to-do father, Walter Hodges.
- Mary Hodges died in April of 1870, intestate and apparently unmarried, and so the Montgomery County Courts, at the request of the Hodges heirs, intervened for an equitable dispensation of her estate. The dwelling and 150 acres were auctioned off on December 30, 1871, with the improvements thereon described as "...a neat frame house and necessary outbuildings". The high bidder at the sale was Frederick Jones, at \$13.05 per acre, totaling \$1,957.50.
- Frederick Jones married Nettie Hempstone, daughter of Armistead Hempstone, a prominent upcounty citizen, in 1872, and the two resided on Jones' 150 acres until her death around 1910.
- The property passed through several more hands before being purchased by the present owner in 1968.
11. Researcher and date researched: Mark Walston-6/79 Michael Dwyer
Arch. Description
12. Compiler: Margaret Coleman 13. Date Compiled: 10/79 14. Designation
Approval
15. Acreage: 150 acres

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

M: 12/7
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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Frederick Jones House

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Route 109

CITY, TOWN

Comus

STATE

Maryland

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

8

COUNTY

Montgomery

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT☒ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

☐ YES: RESTRICTED☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED☒ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE☐ MUSEUM☐ COMMERCIAL☐ PARK☐ EDUCATIONAL☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ RELIGIOUS☐ GOVERNMENT☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ MILITARY☐ OTHER**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

William S. Farr

Telephone #: 652-3157

STREET & NUMBER

7607 Curtis Street

CITY, TOWN

Chevy Chase

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 20015

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTIONCOURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Montgomery County Courthouse

Liber #: 3727

Folio #: 278

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Rockville

STATE

Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

MNCPPC Historic Sites Inventory

DATE

1976

☐ FEDERAL ☒ STATE ☒ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Park Historian's Office

CITY, TOWN

Derwood

STATE

Maryland 20855

7 DESCRIPTION

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CONDITION

☐ EXCELLENT
☒ GOOD
☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED
☐ RUINS
☐ UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

☐ UNALTERED
☒ ALTERED

CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE
☐ MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

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CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

8 SIGNIFICANCE

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PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY) Local history	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES

c. 1845

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

Mary Hodges

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This dwelling house is situated upon 150 acres, parts of "Elysian Fields", "Italy", and "Mount Vernon". The property formed part of the early 19th century land holdings of Walter Hodges, a well-to-do farmer who died in 1844, and by his will bequeathed to his daughter, Mary, "...150 acres of land, to be paid (off) by and under her own direction, my three servants, 1/2 stock of my horses, cattle, sheep and hogs, 1/2 household and kitchen furniture(sic)".¹ It was upon this selected portion of her father's estate that Mary Hodges constructed her dwelling(the subject building) around the year 1845. The residue of her father's estate was divided between his daughters Airy Ann (Hodges) Jones and Sarah Hodges.

Mary Hodges died in April of 1870, intestate and apparently unmarried, and so the Montgomery County Courts, at the request of the Hodges heirs, intervened for an equitable dispensation of her estate. The dwelling and 150 acres were auctioned off on December 30, 1871, with the improvements thereon described as "...a neat frame house and necessary outbuildings".² The high bidder at the sale was Frederick Jones, at \$13.05 per acre, totaling \$1,957.50.

Frederick Jones married Nettie Hempstone, daughter of Armistead Hempstone, a prominent up-county citizen, in 1872, and the two resided on Jones' 150 acres until her death around 1910. In 1913, Frederick Jones sold the house and property to Herbert and Mary Kessler.³ The Kesslers conveyed the farm to the Citizens National Bank of Frederick in 1932, which in turn sold the entire parcel to Ralph E. Cooley in 1940.⁴ The dwelling and the original surrounding 150 acres were purchased from Cooley by the present owner in 1968, in addition to 20.190 acres, being originally lot No. 3 in the division of the real estate of Walter Hodges.

FOOTNOTES:

1. Montgomery County Orphan's Court Records, Will Y/362, (Made June 21, 1842)
2. Montgomery County Equity Records; Judgment EBP 3/280, filed May 3, 1870
3. Montgomery County Land Records, Deed 236/14, (May 17, 1913).
4. Montgomery County Land Records, Deed 538/26 (April 19, 1932); 790/309, (August 8, 1940).

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Montgomery County Land Records
 Montgomery County Orphan's Court Records
 Montgomery County Equity Records
 Montgomery County Sentinel

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 150 acres

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Michael Dwyer

Mark Walston

Architectural Description

ORGANIZATION

DATE

Sugarloaf Regional Trails

5/79

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

Box 87

926-4510

CITY OR TOWN

STATE

Dickerson

Maryland 20753

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

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RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust
 The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
 Annapolis, Maryland 21401
 (301) 267-1438

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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

NOMINATION FORM
for the
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

1. NAME				
COMMON:				
AND/OR HISTORIC:				
Fred Jones House				
2. LOCATION				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
Comus-Barnesville Road (Rte. 109)				
CITY OR TOWN:				
Barnesville				
STATE		COUNTY:		
Maryland		Montgomery		
3. CLASSIFICATION				
CATEGORY (Check One)		OWNERSHIP		ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object		<input type="checkbox"/> Public Public Acquisition: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Both <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)				
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Comments <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Religious _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment <input type="checkbox"/> Museum <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific _____				
4. OWNER OF PROPERTY				
OWNER'S NAME:				
William S. Farr				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
7607 Curtis				
CITY OR TOWN:			STATE:	
Chevy Chase			Maryland	
5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION				
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC:				
Montgomery County Courthouse				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
CITY OR TOWN:			STATE:	
Rockville			Maryland	
Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #):				
6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS				
TITLE OF SURVEY:				
None				
DATE OF SURVEY: <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local				
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
CITY OR TOWN:			STATE:	

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

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2. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- | | | | |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 10th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century | |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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|---|---------------------------------------|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Phi- | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | losophy | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Human- | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | itarian | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY				O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES				
CORNER	LATITUDE		LONGITUDE		LATITUDE		LONGITUDE		
	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds		Degrees	Minutes	Seconds		
NW	°	'	"	°	'	"	°	'	"
NE	°	'	"	°	'	"	°	'	"
SE	°	'	"	°	'	"	°	'	"
SW	°	'	"	°	'	"	°	'	"

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

Acreage Justification:

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:		COUNTY:	
STATE:		COUNTY:	
STATE:		COUNTY:	
STATE:		COUNTY:	

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Christopher Owens, Park Historian	
ORGANIZATION M-NCPPC	DATE 29 Apr 74
STREET AND NUMBER: 8787 Georgia Avenue	
CITY OR TOWN: Silver Spring	STATE Maryland

12. State Liaison Officer Review: (Office Use Only)

Significance of this property is:

National ☐ State ☐ Local ☐

Signature

SEE INSTRUCTIONS



NAME FRED. JONES HOUSE (FARR PROP.)

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LOCATION Rt 109 W. OF COMUS, Md

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